

# THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser

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## THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

The report of the Senate Committee received by mail yesterday, corroborates the summary previously telegraphed by Mr. Walker, the Advertiser's special correspondent at Washington, and adds a few items not previously reported.

The report is practically the work of Senator Mitchell.

The first impression upon reading the report is that the Senator has tried to cover too much ground.

No one who knows the Senator or his record in connection with Hawaii, will accuse him of intentional unfriendliness toward the territory. We do not question either his bona fides or his kindly disposition toward us and his desire to do that for the Territory which he considers for its best interests. But we do question his ability to come to a strange community, spend three weeks on the veranda of the Hawaiian hotel, listening indiscriminately to every man who had a grievance to air or an axe to grind, his time partly consumed with a trip to Hilo, one down the Oahu Railroad and sundry dinners and luau, and then know enough about Hawaii, its laws, government, people, needs and requirements, to intelligently and accurately recommend to Congress the best legislation for Hawaii. After this brief experience he attempts to deal with such diverse, complex and vital subjects as municipal and county governments, the detail of the land system, the organization of the Supreme Court, appeals from the Territorial court to the Supreme Court at Washington, the currency question and the leprosy question; besides a grist of minor matters. Nor do we believe that the Senate will accept the suggestion that Congress should undertake by national legislation to peremptorily direct whether the "Punchbowl" and the "Auwalolimu" lands should be sold or retained by the government; nor undertake to name the persons to whom it shall be sold, and the conditions of sale, if Congress decides that a sale is the proper thing to be done, all of which the Senator recommends that Congress should do.

In some respects the report will meet with hearty approval in Hawaii. The assumption by the Federal Government of the light house service, appropriations for harbor improvements, public buildings, for a pension to Liliuokalani, for a bounty on coffee, giving power to the governor to suspend government officers for malfeasance, for an expert forester—all these meet with the unqualified support of the people of the Territory.

The action recommended concerning the currency and the fire claims has already been taken by Congress, but the committee are entitled to the credit of having supported these measures so important to our community.

There are several statements and recommendations showing superficial or inaccurate information on the part of the committee which will be referred to hereafter; but there is one recommendation which is so cruelly unjust—so uncalled for and so abhorrent to the people of Hawaii, that they infinitely prefer that every favorable recommendation of the committee—fire claims, currency bill, appropriations, bounty and all—should be abandoned, rather than see it accomplished, and this is the proposition to make Hawaii a national leper asylum.

That the committee should recommend this action in the face of the united opposition of the people of Hawaii and should urge an arbitrary enactment to force the lepers of a continent upon a protesting people, simply because Congress has the power to do so, is incomprehensible to those who believe in American fair play.

It is unbelievable that Congress will ever perpetrate this atrocity; but we should take nothing for granted. Every possible influence must be brought to bear to prevent our undoing.

Many people have half believed that the intention in this respect, as telegraphed, was a mistake; but now they know that the committee is openly and positively advocating this act of oppression. Let us act accordingly.

## An Interesting Booklet.

The Keystone Watch Case Company of Philadelphia, U. S. A., has published a very entertaining and instructive booklet, entitled "Intelligent Watch-Buying," which is sent free to all who write for it. It contains some interesting facts concerning watches which are not generally known, and especially tells of the merits of KEYSTONE-ELGIN WATCHES, one of the great American products. Considerable space is given to exploiting one of the features of this line of watches—The Jas. Ross Gold Filled watch case. It tells the history of this watch case, explains its construction and shows how to identify it.

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# HISTORY WAS BEING MADE TEN YEARS AGO THIS DAY

Ten years ago today history was fast shaping itself in the Hawaiian Islands towards the abolition of the monarchical form of government and twenty-four hours later came the establishment of the Provisional government, the first link in the annexation of the islands to the United States. On January 16, 1893, Honolulu was in a fever of excitement and every citizen felt that on the following day the climax would come between the American element and the monarchy which would either establish Queen Liliuokalani more firmly on her throne or place the affairs of government in the hands of the responsible classes.

The Advertiser of January 17 contains a running account of the events of January 16. From early morning until night groups of men could be seen about the streets talking over the critical state of affairs. About 11 a. m. an official notice from the Queen and her cabinet was handed about town, but was not received with favor. The "By Authority" was to the effect that the Queen and her ministers desired to express their appreciation for the quiet and order which had prevailed since the excitement of the Saturday previous, and that the position assumed by Her Majesty was under stress of her native subjects. The proclamation went on to say that "authority is given for the assurance that any changes desired in the fundamental law of the land will be sought only by methods provided in the Constitution." This was signed by Queen Liliuokalani, Samuel Parker, Minister of Foreign Affairs; W. H. Cornwell, Minister of Finance; John P. Colburn, Minister of the Interior; A. P. Peterson, Attorney General.

## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER, 1902.

Temperature mean for the month, 70.8; normal, 71.8; average daily maximum, 75.7; average daily minimum, 66.0; mean daily range, 9.7; greatest daily range, 18 degrees; least daily range, 6 degrees; highest temperature, 79; lowest, 61.

Barometer average, 29.938; normal, 29.970; highest, 30.11; on 29th; lowest, 29.75, 10th and 21st; greatest 24-hour change, 0.10; "lows" passed this point, 2nd, 10th, 21st; "highs," 5th, 14th, 29th. Relative humidity, average, 77.7; normal, 74; mean dew-point, 63.1; normal, 62.9; absolute moisture, mean, 6.39 grains to cubic foot; normal, 6.32.

There was an unusual period of low dew-point during the last ten days of the month.

Rainfall, 10.20 inches; normal, 3.92; rain-record days, 18; normal, 16; greatest rainfall in one day, 3.20, 22nd. Total at Luakaha, 26.50; normal, 10.24; at Kapiolani Park, 7.81; normal, 3.55.

The artesian well level rose during the month from 33.90 to 34.57 feet above mean sea-level. Dec. 31, 1901, it stood at 34.05. The average daily mean sea-level for the month was 9.87, the assumed annual mean being 10.00 feet above datum. For December, 1901, it was 10.28. For the year (1902), 9.85. For the previous year, 10.17.

Trade-wind days, 17, (4 N.N.E.); normal, 16; average force of wind during daylight, Beaufort scale, 2.3; average cloudiness, tenths of sky, 5.2; normal, 4.4.

Approximate percentage of district rainfall as compared with the normal: South Hilo, 160 per cent; North Hilo, 250; Hamakua, 400; Kohala, 330; Waimea, 380; Kona, 300 to 400; Kaula, 140 to 300; Puna, 175; Maui, 150 to 500; Oahu, 220; except Kahuku, 420; Kaula, 320 per cent.

The month was a rainy one and the whole year's rainfall when published will show surprising records. The heaviest rainfall for the month was, 34.84, Puuhua; the heaviest 24-hour, 10.55, at Hanalei, Kauai, on the 11th; Nahuiku, (850 ft.), 8.90, on the 8th.

Mean temperature, Pepeekeo, Hilo, 100 feet elevation, mean maximum, 75.0; mean minimum, 65.2; Waimea, Hawaii, 2720 elevation, 74.3 and 58.2; Kohala, 521 elevation, 75.8 and 65.1; Waikoa, Kula, Maui, 2700 elevation, 73.3 and 58.6; Puunene Mill, Maui, 200 (?) elevation, 77.0 and 65.1, (mean temperature, 69.8); Ewa Plantation, 50 elevation, 79 and 63; U. S. Experimental Station, 350 elevation, 76.3 and 65.9; W. R. Castle's, highest, 79; lowest, 61; mean, 70.0; U. S. Magnetic Station, mean temperature, 71.1.

Ewa Mill, mean dew-point, 61; mean relative humidity, 71; Kohala, Bond, dew-point, 64.5; relative humidity, 82; Puunene, 66.4 and 86; Puunene, Barom., 29.91; U. S. Magnetic Station, dew-point, 63; relative humidity, 77.

The month was characterized by four storms which were no doubt general. One that came in on the 1st from the previous month; then on the 11th, 22nd, and finally the heavy blow which characterized the last week of the year, and which was attended by an unusual spell of low dew-point, showing winds from the far north.

Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa were heavily covered with snow at the close of the month; the storm of the 11-13th being especially marked.

Heavy surf, 1st, 12th, 28th, as centers of surf periods.

CURTIS J. LYONS.  
Territorial Meteorologist.

Copies of the Saturday Cable Edition of the Advertiser can be had at the news stands and publication office, ready for mailing. Price five cents.

In the afternoon all the principal business houses closed to allow their owners and clerks to attend a mass meeting at 1 p. m. in the Armory, at which the citizens determined to resist aggression of their civil rights on the part of the Queen and her ministers. At this meeting the Committee of Safety was appointed to devise ways and means for the maintenance of the public peace and safety and the preservation of life and property. The late Hon. W. C. Wilder, of the Committee of Safety, was chairman of the meeting. Following are the names of the Committee of Safety: Henry E. Cooper, F. W. McChesney, W. C. Wilder, C. Bolte, A. Brown, Wm. O. Smith, Henry Waterhouse, Theo. F. Lansing, Ed. Suhr, L. A. Thurston, John Emmeluth, Wm. R. Castle, J. A. McCandless.

About 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the U. S. S. Boston landed about three hundred men. Each man had two belts of cartridges around his waist and was armed with a rifle. The men marched up to the office of the Consul-General of the United States where a halt was made.

The marines were detached and sent to the American Legation on Nuuanu avenue, while the sailors marched out along Merchant street with two galling guns and made a halt in front of J. A. Hopper's residence. About sundown they moved to the grounds of J. B. Atherton and after a stay of several hours returned to Arion Hall where they camped over night.

A mass meeting was also held in the afternoon in Palace Square where the natives passed a resolution defending the Queen.

When midnight came there was a general belief that the events of the following day would be the climax between the Queen and the taxpayers.

The Governor directs that notice be given that W. H. Mays, M. D., has this day been commissioned a Member of the Board of Health.

HENRY E. COOPER,  
Secretary of the Territory.  
Capitol, Honolulu, January 15th, 1903.  
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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

James L. Holt has this day been appointed Deputy Assessor and Collector for the First Taxation Division, Territory of Hawaii, vice A. D. Thompson.

Thomas V. King has this day been appointed Deputy Assessor and Collector for the District of Honolulu, First Taxation Division, Territory of Hawaii, vice Jas. L. Holt.

George E. Smith has this day been appointed Deputy Assessor and Collector for the District of Honolulu, First Taxation Division, Territory of Hawaii, vice C. Phillips.

JAS. W. PRATT,  
Assessor and Collector, First Taxation Division, Territory of Hawaii.

Approved:  
A. N. KEPOKAI,  
Treasurer, Territory of Hawaii.  
Honolulu, January 12, 1903. 6376

## NOTICE.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON Public Lands ask all persons having complaints or suggestions as to any changes in the Lands Laws of the Territory of Hawaii to communicate with any member of the Committee.

Honolulu, January 13th, 1903.  
L. L. McCandless, Chairman,  
C. H. DICKEY,  
J. B. KAOHL,  
Committee on Public Lands.  
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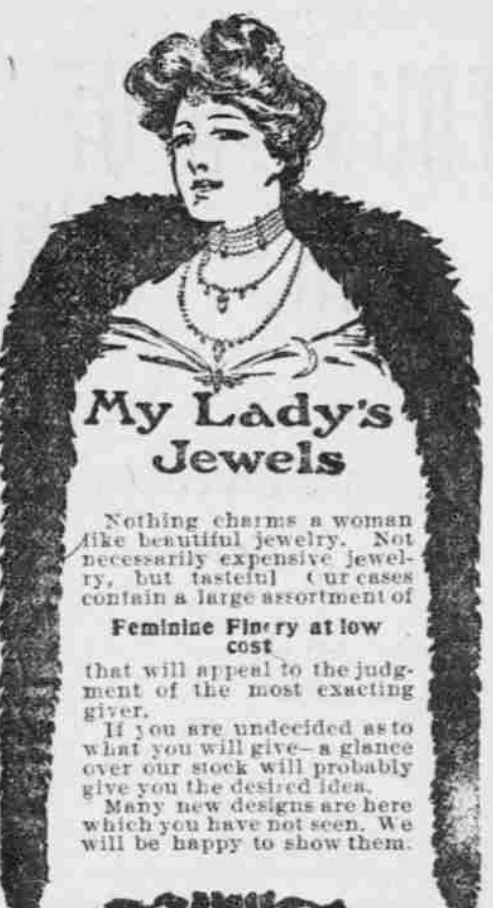
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